

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the enclosed sheets 2/7 and 6/7, labeled "Replacement Sheets," for the corresponding sheets presently in the case. Also enclosed, labeled Annotated Marked-up Drawings, are marked-up copies of each Replacement Sheet indicating the changes.

An objection was made to the use of reference letters "B" and "C". Fig. 8 is amended to designate regions BB and CC, it being noted AA was changed by previous amendment.

In response to an objection, Fig. 7 is corrected to show that, at step 128, the RDP term is modified for the GVW condition, and not for the LVW condition, as described at page 18, lines 21-23.

It is pointed out that, in response to an objection to the drawings, claim 23 is amended, and claim 31 is cancelled, thereby rendering moot the objection.

It is believed that the amendments to the drawings, in conjunction with the amendments to the specification and claims, are fully responsive to all objections raised in the Office Action. Therefore, it is requested that the drawings be accepted, and the objections be withdrawn.



REMARKS

The Examiner's recognition of Applicants' invention by the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 26, 28-31, 33-36, and 38 is gratefully acknowledged.

The specification is amended at page 15 to clarify that the RPC controller is ECU 70 in the described embodiment, and at page 19 to refer to AA, BB and CC in Fig. 8, consistent with the amendments to the figure.

Claim 23 is amended to recite that the method includes monitoring the rear brake pressure and determining a rear brake pressure rate from the rear brake pressure, features originally recited in claim 26, now canceled, and to correct a misspelling.

Response to Advisory Action

The Advisory Action refused entry of the proposed claim amendment in the Response filed February 2, 2006, because the deletion of the limitation of inhibiting RPD when the vehicle is operating at GVW from claim 23 was deemed to raise new issues that would require further search.

In accordance with the amendment herein, claim 23 includes the step of inhibiting RPD when the vehicle is operating at GVW (i.e., the step is not deleted). Thus, the amendment incorporates all the limitations of claim 26, indicated to be allowable, into claim 23, with all the limitations previously presented in claim 23 (there were no intervening claims).

Objection to Specification

In response to an objection, the specification is amended at page 15 is clearly state that the RPC controller referred to in the claims is electronic control unit 70. In view of this clarification, it is requested that the objection be withdrawn.

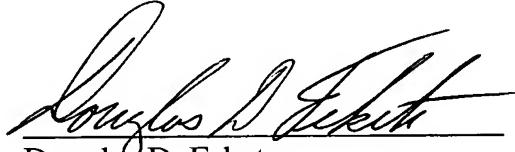
Conclusion

The amendments herein incorporate the features of claim 26, indicated to be allowable, in claim 23. The remaining claims 24, 27-30, 32-38 are dependent upon claim 23, and so also believed to be allowable.

It is believed, in view of the amendments and remarks herein, that all grounds of rejection have been addressed and overcome, and that all claims are in condition for allowance. If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the phone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,



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